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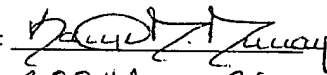
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Supplemental Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116

Dear Examiner:

This supplemental amendment responds to the final Office action mailed April 22, 2004 for the above-identified application, in which claims 19, 20, 23, 25, and 26 were rejected and claim 24 was considered allowable if rewritten in independent form. A request for a two-month extension of time is submitted concurrently herewith.

By way of the present amendment, claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of base claim 19 and intervening claim 20. Two (2) claims remain pending in the application, claims 24 and 25. Applicant submits that this Amendment places the claims in condition for allowance and/or in better form for consideration on appeal.

It is earnestly requested that this Amendment be considered and entered.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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